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**For: SAFETY ELEMENT AND A VALUABLE OBJECT**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper accompanies documents submitted to establish the U.S. national stage of the above-identified international patent application.

The international patent application was amended under PCT Article 34 and an English translation of the claims annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) is submitted herewith.

Before calculation of the filing fee and before examination, kindly amend the claims as annexed to the IPER as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as annexed to the IPER as shown on the appended APPENDIX OF CLAIMS, which includes amended and non-amended claims. Also appended hereto is an APPENDIX OF MARKED UP CLAIMS showing the changes which have been made.

**REMARKS**

All rights are reserved to the original claimed subject matter. The claims have been amended to reduce the filing fees. None of the amendments are intended to